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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Art Unit: 2183 Makoto KUDO Examiner: Not Assigned Serial No: 10/601,136 I hereby certify that this correspondence Filed: June 30, 2003 is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as For: first class mail in an envelope addressed Data Processing Device and Electronic Equipment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on TRANSMITTAL OF October 5, 2004 INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT Date of Deposit Shindale Ferguson Name Commissioner for Patents October 5, 2004 P.O. Box 1450 Sidnatu Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Dear Sirs: 1. The information disclosure statement submitted herewith is being filed within three months of the filing date of the application other than a continued prosecution application, or within three months of the date of entry into the national stage of an international application, or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, or before the mailing of a first Office action after the filing of a request for continued examination under §1.114, whichever event occurs last. 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b). The information disclosure statement transmitted herewith is being filed after the period specified in §1.97(b), but before the mailing date of a final action under §1.113, or a notice of allowance under §1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, whichever occurs first. A statement specified in §1.97(e) or a fee set forth in §1.17(p) is included. 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c). §1.97(e) STATEMENT I, the person signing below, state: that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in the attached communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and that the communication is dated not more than three months prior to the filing of the statement. 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1). OR that no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the

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§1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the statement. 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(2).
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Attached is a fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) for submission of an information disclosure statement under §1.97(c). (\$180.00). [OR:] Please charge the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) for submission of an information disclosure statement under §1.97(c) (\$180.00) to Deposit Account No. 50-1314. A copy of this petition is enclosed.
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If it should be determined that for any reason either an insufficient fee or an excessive has been paid, please charge any insufficiency or credit any overpayment necessary to ensure consideration of the information disclosure statement for the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 50-1314. A copy of this petition is enclosed.
A list of 3 reference(s) is in the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

## NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE REFERENCES

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☐ Set forth below are comments provided by the applicant's home country counsel on the relevancy of non-English language references:

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